

CHIEF OF NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
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Dear Stan,

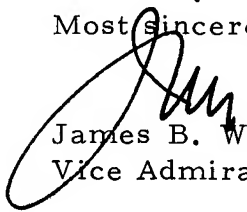
Ty Dedman, now Superintendent of the Postgraduate School, labored in the vineyard here as Deputy CNET for four years. He did a superlative job, which I thought merited the DSM, but my betters have decided that a Legion of Merit is more fitting.

I have learned from Provost Jack Borsting that you are tentatively scheduled to visit the School 5-8 August. I understand these dates are tentative because of your father's ill health. Should you make this visit, I wonder if I can prevail upon you to take a few minutes to present the LOM to Ty, who would be honored to receive it from such a distinguished officer.

The medal and citation will be mailed to Jack, and he will make the necessary arrangements for the presentation during your visit, unless you are for some reason reluctant to do this.

All good wishes to you and Pat.

Most sincerely,

  
James B. Wilson  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT TO RADM TYLER DEDMAN  
(Gold Star in lieu of third award)

1. FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS THE DEPUTY AND CHIEF OF STAFF, CHIEF OF NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, NAVAL AIR STATION, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, FROM JUNE 1974 TO FEBRUARY 1978.
2. THROUGHOUT HIS TENURE REAR ADMIRAL DEDMAN'S WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE, DEPTH OF PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT, AND THOROUGHNESS CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE COMMAND AND TO THE NAVY. AS GREATER EFFICIENCIES IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING WERE SOUGHT THROUGH ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, CONSOLIDATION OF COURSES, REDUCTION OF COURSES, AND OTHER MEASURES, HIS ASTUTE LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE TO THE STAFF PROVED INVALUABLE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASKS REQUIRED. REAR ADMIRAL DEDMAN WAS A MAJOR ARCHITECT OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION ON THE INTER-SERVICE TRAINING REVIEW ORGANIZATION, WHERE HIS STATESMANSHIP, OPENNESS, AND THOROUGHNESS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS OF THAT ORGANIZATION. IN ADDITION, HE MOST ABLY HEADED A STUDY ACTIVITY FOR THE VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS TO REVIEW SHORE ACTIVITY FUNCTIONS FOR REALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES.
3. REAR ADMIRAL DEDMAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS, PERSONAL INTEGRITY, AND STEADFAST DEDICATION REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.